

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:

-- A flexible drinking straw that accompany packed fruit juices, milks, coffees etc. as a part of their package and is continuously bent until its use in order to take up less space, comprising a corrugated zone. ~~The invention relates to flexible straws that accompany packed fruit juices, milks, coffees etc. with one (or more) corrugated zone comprising re-entrant overlapping folds, which are continuously bent until their use in order to take up less space. The corrugated zone of the new straw comprises expanded re-entrant overlapping folds 2, 5 and contracted re-entrant overlapping folds 3, 4 interspersed among the expanded ones, in order that we achieve the best possible straightening up of the straw. Further, a~~ A number of the first re-entrant overlapping folds 1 are contracted, so that after straightening, the straw may bend easily to all directions. The advantage of the present invention is that it increases the effective length of the straw and attains complete straightening up and functionality of it without a significant increase in the production cost and without major changes in the current production line. -